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## Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE various requirements of LAW in such cases made and provided have been complied with, and the TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT, VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE , OR USING IT IN ICING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY CTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

#### WATERMELON

'90-4194<sup>'</sup>

In Testimony Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Hant Parisity Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this fifth day of February, in

the year two thousand two.

Plant Varioty Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service

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(See reverse for instructions and information collection burden statement)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A. B. C. E: (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$2,450 (\$300 filling fee and \$2,150 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfiled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 500, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. DO NOT use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$300 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

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18a. Give:

- (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
- (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;

(3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and

- (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
  - identify these varieties and state all differences objectively.
  - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
  - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
- 19. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
- 22. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 23. See Section 5.5 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.

22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

N/A

23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

N/A

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131. 77.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the variety names proposed by contacting: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center-East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089.

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# Exhibit A Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

Inbred 90-4194 was developed at the Syngenta Seed's Research Station in Woodland, California, as a result of conversion of diploid inbred HD (a proprietary inbred line of Syngenta Seeds, Inc.) to a tetraploid watermelon. The conversion from diploid (2X) to tetraploid (4X) was accomplished using an oryzalin protocol (a newly developed method) consisting of the following steps:

1. In November 1999, seed of HD were seeded in a 50-cell plastic seedling tray in the greenhouse. One drop of 35 micro-M oryzalin was added to the meristem tip between 2 coytledons each of the newly emerged seedlings. Treatment of all the seedlings with oryzalin was finished about ten (10) days after sowing.

2. Seedlings were watered and fertilized periodically.

3. In late December of 199, putative tetraploids were transplanted into two (2) gallon pots filled with Pro-Mix BX soil-less soil in the greenhouse.

4. During the course of plant development, diploid (not converted) plants and branches were removed based on leaf morphology and male flower characteristics.

Following is the chronological order of development of tetraploid line 90-4194:

Generation	Season / Year	Description
T0	Spring 2000	At the seedling transplant stage, 72 putative tetraploids
	~P9	were transplanted into 2-gallon pots in greenhouse. Non-
		converted plants and branches were identified based on
		leaf morphology and male flower characteristics, and
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		were removed. Only the female flowers from true
		tetraploid plant/branches were self-pollinated. At full fruit
		maturity, fruit with large blossom end scar (2-3 times of
		its diploid version) were harvested and examined for
		fertility as suggested by number of seed per fruit. 4
		individual selections 4XHD-1, -2, -3, and -4 and one
	•	bulk selection 4XHD-B were made to plant the T1
		generation.
<b>T</b> 1	Summer 2000	4XHD-1 and 4XHD-2 were planted in the greenhouse for
		further selection and seed increase. 4XHD-3 and 4XHD-4
	A second	were planted in the field for field observation and seed
•		increase. 4XHD-B was planted in the crossing block in
		the field to make triploid hybrids. 4XHD-2 was not as
		good as 4XHD at the seedling stage and was discarded.
		42 plants of 4XHD-1 were grown to maturity in the
	9	greenhouse. All the seeds of 4XHD-1 were bulk-
		harvested and labeled as 4XHD-1-B as no variation was
		observed in this line. No variation was observed within
		and between 4XHD-3 and 4XHD-4. Therefore seeds were
		also bulk-harvested and labeled as 4XHD-3/4
	Fall 2000	Five triploid hybrids derived from 4XHD-B were
	1 un 2000	evaluated at the Syngenta Seeds' Research Center in
		Naples, FL. Three hybrids were unique and promising
		triploid hybrids.
T2	Spring 2001	
12	Spring 2001	About 700 plants of 4XHD-1-B were planted in a plastic
		greenhouse for generation advance and seed increase.
		Hand pollination was conducted. No variation was
		observed. All the fruits are uniform and true to type.
		Seeds were bulk-harvested and named as 90-4194.
T3	Summer 2001	About 3500 plants were transplanted to a one-acre
		isolation plot for stock seed increase using bee
		pollination. 1200 plants of 90-4194 were transplanted
		into 2 cages for foundation seed increase by hand
•		pollination. No variation is observed from cage and field
		plantings. Breeding process is finished and seeds
\		harvested serve as foundation and stock seed.

## **Exhibit B Novelty Statement for Inbred 90-4194**

Watermelon inbred 90-4194 is unique based upon the following characteristics:

- 1. It is a tetraploid, with N = 22 chromosomes.
- 2. The fruit of 90-4194 are very small, about 1.6 kg.
- 3. The seeds of 90-4194 are very small, about 31 g per 1000 seeds.
- 4. The rind is very thin, only 4-7 mm.
- 5. 90-4194 has excellent fruit set ability under poor environmental conditions.
- 6. 90-4194 produces triploid hybrids with fruit size about 3 kg or smaller.

All the tetraploids used to produce commercial triploid hybrids have much bigger fruits, most are above 6 kg. This is the only tetraploid that produces triploid hybrids with personal size fruit, 2.5 - 3.5 kg.

No statistical data is deemed necessary as the fruit of 90-4194 is only 1/3 of the commercial tetraploid that has similar fruit shape and skin color.

#### Attachment

A photograph of the tetraploid watermelon inbred 90-4194 and tetraploid 90-4231 that is similar to 90-4194 in skin color and flesh color. 90-4231 is typical of the female tetraploid parents used in most of the triploid varieties currently sold.



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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE GRAIN DIVISION HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782 OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

EXHIBIT C (Watermelon)

INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse. WATERMELON (CITRULLUS LANATU	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY				
	PVPO NUMBER				
Syngenta Seeds, Inc.  ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)	200/00260				
	VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY				
600 N. Armstrong Pl.	Desiring				
Boise, Idaho 83704					
Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below.  Place a zero in first box (c.s. 0 8 9 or 0 9 ) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less.					
1. TYPE:					
3 1 = OBLONG 2 = ROUND LARGE 3 = ROUND SMALL (icebox)					
2. AREA OF BEST ADAPTATION:	• •				
4 1 - SOUTH 2 - NORTHEAST/NORTHCENTRAL 3 - SOUTHWE	ST 4 - MOST AREAS				
3. EMERGENCE TO ANTHESIS:					
0 5 NO. OF DAYS EARLIER THAN 2 ) 1 - CHARLESTON GREY					
NO. OF DAYS LATER THAN					
4. POLLINATION TO MATURITY:					
0 7 NO. OF DAYS EARLIER THAN 2 ) 1 - CHARLESTON GREY					
NO. OF DAYS LATER THAN	231				
5. PLOIDY:					
2 1 = DIPLOID 2 = TETRAPLOID 3 = TRIPLOID					
6. PLANT					
1 Cotyledon: 1 - FLAT 2 - FOLDED 1 - MONOE	ECIOUS 2 - ANDROMONOECIOUS				
Number of flowers per plant at first fruit set:	CONTRACTOR OF MAIN STEMS				
1 8 STAMINATE 0 4 PISTILLATE 0 PERFECT	T 3 NO. OF MAIN STEMS				
7. STEM:					
1 1 - ROUND 2 - ANGULAR 0 7 MM. DIA	METER AT SECOND NODE				
3 1 = GLABROUS 2 = SCABROUS 3 = PUBESCENT	4 " BRISTLED				
0 7 CM. VINE LENGTH + NO. OF INTERNODES (At last harvest)					
8. LEAF:					
	ER THAN WIDE 2 = LENGTH-WIDTH EQUAL THAN LONG				
Dorsal Surface:	A COLVEDEN				
2 Colors	= LIGHT GREEN 2 = GRAY GREEN = MEDIUM GREEN 4 = DARK GREEN				
9. FLOWER (At first fruit set):					
0 3 Staminate: CM, ACROSS 0 3 Perfect: CM, ACROSS	2 Color: 1 - LEMON YELLOW 2 - YELLOW 3 - ORANGE				

ORM GR-470-19 (REVERSE)					
10. MATURE FRUIT:					
1 = ROUND 2 = OVAL 3 = CYLINDRICAL 1 5 CM. LONG 1 5 AT MIDSECTION					
0 2 KG. AVERAGE WEIGHT 1 0 INDEX = LENGTH + DIAMETER X 10					
1 - SMOOTH Z - SLIGHTLY GROOVED 3 - DEEPLY GROOVED					
3 Color: 1 - SOLID (One color) 2 - STRIPE 3 - MOTTLE/NET					
2 Primary Color: 1 = YELLOW GREEN (Desert King) 2 = LIGHT GREEN (Charleston Grey) 3 = MIEDIUM GREEN					
Secondary Color:   4 - DARK GREEN (Florida Giant)   5 - OTHER(Specify)   Dencil lines:					
11. RIND:					
2 1 = TENDER 2 = BRITTLE 3 = TOUGH 0 4 THICKNESS MM. BLOSSOM ENC					
0 7 THICKNESS MM. SIDES					
12. FLESH:					
1 1 - CRISP 2 = SOFT					
4 Color: 1 = YELLOW 2 = ORANGE 3 = PINK 4 = RED 5 = DARK RED					
13 REFRACTOMETER % SOLUBLE SOLIDS OF JUICE 1 1 1 * CHECK VARIETY (Specify) 90-4231.					
0 % PLACENTAL 0 % TRANSVERS					
13. SEED:					
0 7 MM. LONG 0 2 MM. WIDE 0 2 MM. THICK					
1 4 INDEX + LENGTH + WIDTH X 10 -3 1 GM. PER 1000 SEED 0 8 0 NO. SEED PER FRUIT					
0 7 Color: 1 = WHITE 2 = WHITE-TAN TIPPED 3 = WHITE-PINK TIPPED 4 = TAN 5 = GREEN 6 = RED 7 = DARK BROWN 8 = DARK BROWN MOTTLED 9 = BLACK 10 = MOTTLED BLACK					
14. DISEASE RESISTANCE: (0 = Untested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)					
0 ANTHRACNOSE (Race					
0 SQUASH MOSAIC 0 WATERMELON 0 POWDERY MILDEW 0 CIICUMBER MOSAIC					
OTHER (Specify)					
15. OTHER RESISTANCE: (0 = Untested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)					
2 SUNBURN 0 ROOT KNOT OTHER (Specify)					
16. NAME A VARIETY THAT MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED: 90-4231 Commercial 4X					
Days maturity 35 days from flower Fruit shape Round					
Plant vigor Average Rind color Light green .					
ruit Size 6-7 kg Flesh quality Good					
REFERENCES:					
I. Frey, K. J. 1966. Plant Breeding - Symposium. 1 ed. Iowa State University Press.					
2. Ware, G. W. and McCollum, J. P. 1968. Producing Vegetable Crops. Interstate Printers & Publishers, Inc. Danville, Illinois.					
3. Whitaker, T. W. and Davis, G. N. 1962. Cucurbits. Interscience Publishers, Inc. New York.					
. Nickerson's or any recognized color fan should be used to determine the plant colors of the described variety.					
5. *Royal Horticultural Society Color Charte					

## Exhibit D Additional Description for Tetraploid Watermelon 90-4194

Tetraploid watermelon inbred 90-4194 is a unique tetraploid line for creating triploid seedless watermelon hybrids with excellent fruit quality, small fruit size, early maturity and excellent fruit set ability. It's novelty is based on the small fruit size (only ¼ - 1/3 of commonly used commercial tetraploid), excellent fruit set ability (when 24 watermelon genotypes were grown in plastic greenhouse without supplement light in the spring season of 2001, 90-4194 is the only variety which produced fruit), early maturity (at least a week earlier than most tetraploid watermelons) and small seed size (a half to one third of common tetraploid seed).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE	The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.		
EXHIBIT E STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP	Application is required in order to de	etermine if a plant variety protection 421). Information is held confidential	
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME	
SYNGENTA SEED, INC VEGETABLES	() 90-4194		
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country)	5. TELEPHONE (include area code)	FAX (include area code)	
600 N. ARMSTRONG PLACE BOISE, ID 83704	(208) 322-7272 (208) 322-1436  7. PVPO NUMBER  200/00260		
8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropri	rate block If no please explain a	X YES NO	
9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based or If no, give name of country	ompany?	X YES NO	
10. Is the applicant the original owner? X YES	O If no, please answer one of the fo	ollowing:	
a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the or	iginal owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?		
·	If no, give name of country		
b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the	original owner(s) a U.S. based company	<b>?</b>	
☐ YES ☐ N	If no, give name of country		
11. Additional explanation on ownership (if needed, use reverse for extra sp	pace):		
EXHIBIT E.11			
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF APPLICATION (See Attac	ched)		
PLEASE NOTE:			
Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet or	ne of the following criteria:		
<ol> <li>If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and</li> </ol>	e a U.S. national, national of a UPOV memb species.	er country, or national of a country	
<ol><li>If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the origin member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar prote</li></ol>	nal breeder(s), the company must be U.S. ba ection to nationals of the U.S. for the same g	sed, owned by nationals of a UPOV genus and species.	
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original own	er and the applicant must meet one of the al	pove criteria.	
The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final b	reeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant V	rariety Protection Act for definition.	
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#### EXHIBIT E.11

## STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF APPLICATION OWNERSHIP

The variety, 90-4194, for which Plant Variety Protection is hereby being sought, was developed by Dr. Xingping Zhang, an employee of Syngenta Seeds, Inc. – Vegetables. By agreement between the employees and Syngenta Seeds, Inc. – Vegetables, all rights to any invention, discovery or development made by the employee while employed by Syngenta Seeds, Inc. – Vegetables are assigned to Syngenta Seed, Inc. – Vegetables with no rights of any kind retained by the employees.